

## BOOK NOTICES

ADAM CROSS. 2012. **Aldrovanda. The Waterwheel Plant.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-9087870-4-0, hbk.). Redfern Natural History Productions, 61 Lake Drive, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset BH15 4LR, ENGLAND, UK. (**Orders:** www.redfernnaturalhistory.com, sales@redfernnaturalhistory.com, inside UK 01202 686585, outside UK +44 1202 686585). £34.99, 248 pp., 91 figures (b/w and color), 6" × 9".

*From the Publisher:* The first comprehensive monograph of *Aldrovanda*, the rare and extraordinary carnivorous "Waterwheel Plant." This incredible carnivore, known for trapping aquatic prey between jaw-like lobes that dramatically snap shut when triggered, is related to the famous Venus Flytrap and employs one of the fastest movement responses known in the plant kingdom. Not only arthropods are caught in its deadly jaws, but even small vertebrates including tadpoles and fish fry.

Representing over four years of study and research, this long-awaited work presents a pioneering and uniquely detailed treatment of all aspects of the botanical history, ecology, evolutionary history, distribution and cultivation of this novel plant. The text also addresses the pressing need for integrated conservation and management initiatives.

Review forthcoming!

ROBERT LEE RIFFLE, PAUL CRAFT, AND SCOTT ZONA. 2012. **The Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms, Second Edition.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-609469-205-1, hbk.). Timber Press, Inc., The Haseltine Building, 133 S.W. Second Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, Oregon 97204-3527, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.timberpress.com, 800-327-5680). \$59.95, 517 pp., 950 color plates, 8½" × 11".

*From the Publisher:* "This essential reference, now completely revised and updated, describes more than 900 species of palms that can be grown in climates ranging from tropical to temperate. With new species, current taxonomy, plant characteristics, cultural requirements such as cold hardiness and water needs, and uses in the landscape as well as Indoors, this is the definitive resource on this economically and horticulturally important plant group."

"Winner of an American Horticultural Society Book Award in 2004, it also provides history, ethnobotany, and biology, along with seed germination notes and extensive lists of palms for specific landscape situations."

"The magnificent new edition includes an expanded discussion of palm health as well as information on gardens with important palm collections that are open to the public. Generously illustrated with more than 730 new photos for a total of nearly 1000, this volume is useful both as an identification guide and as a practical handbook."

Palm lovers have surely discovered this fantastic palm book by now. But this book is not just for palm experts; gardeners, botanists, and taxonomists will also surely find this a useful reference. Aside from the center piece of 950 colorful plates, the section on Palm Descriptions A to Z is filled with botany, taxonomy, and horticultural information. Each genus/species has a phonetic pronunciation guide. I like this and you will too. With this, you too, can roll these Latin names off your tongue in no time and sound like an expert.